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UNION UPDATE



Town hall meetings are coming your way

Your Contract STARTS WITH YOU

DATE	DAY	CITY	TIME*
Feb. 20	Wednesday	Fresno	5 – 8 p.m.
Feb. 21	Thursday	Hanford	5 – 8 p.m.
Feb. 23	Saturday	Sacramento	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Feb. 26	Tuesday	Stockton	5 – 8 p.m.
Feb. 26	Tuesday	Bakersfield	5 – 8 p.m.
Feb. 27	Wednesday	Salinas	5 – 8 p.m.
Feb. 28	Thursday	Napa	5 – 8 p.m.
March 2	Saturday	Oakland	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
March 5	Tuesday	Vallejo	5 – 8 p.m.
March 6	Wednesday	Burbank	5 – 8 p.m.
March 7	Thursday	Carson	5 – 8 p.m.
March 9	Saturday	Rancho Cucamonga	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
March 12	Tuesday	San Luis Obispo	5 – 8 p.m.
March 13	Wednesday	Imperial	5 – 8 p.m.
March 14	Thursday	Buena Park	5 – 8 p.m.
March 14	Thursday	Redding	5 – 8 p.m.
March 16	Saturday	Sacramento	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Full schedule details available online at [seiu1000.org](http://seiu1000.org)

\* First hour of meeting is allotted for a meal.

USE YOUR VOICE, BE ENGAGED

- **TALK** with an elected statewide officer and bargaining team members!
- **LEARN** more about the bargaining process!
- **HEAR** about past negotiations and budget issues!
- **OFFER** your own ideas on what our priorities should be at the bargaining table!

Our road to a new contract tour is moving on to Fresno on Feb. 20 after a successful launch in San Diego attended by dozens of members. If you want your voice heard, attend the town hall meeting that is most convenient for you.

For more information and to RSVP, call the Member Resource Center at **866.471.SEIU (7348)**.

Member Resource Center

“I am thankful my union went to bat for me.”

Member on extended military leave keeps her job after union intervention

CHP employee Beatriz Arreola thought she was going to lose her state job because she was “gone for too long”—while serving her country with the U.S. Navy.

The CHP threatened to fire Arreola three months ago because she had not returned to her state job because of her naval deployment. In response, the Local 1000 Union Resource Center stepped in, pointed out that Arreola’s absence during military service was protected under state law, and the CHP backed off.

State employees can serve up to five years in the military and then return to their state job.

From 2003 until 2008, Arreola served with the Navy, including a stint in Iraq. After going back to the CHP in Orange County from 2008 to 2010, the Navy deployed her again in 2010. She now serves with an intelligence unit in San Diego County.

“I thought I was either going to lose my job or get court-martialed—I can’t be two places at once,” Arreola said. “It was very stressful. I am thankful my union went to bat for me.”



Beatriz Arreola, Office Technician at CHP, Unit 4

# Strength in diversity

## Local 1000 celebrates Black History Month

The month of February is a time when America can take a moment to recognize its strongest foundation—its diversity. The fact that everyone in Local 1000 is different and comes from a different background unifies us.

“African Americans have been the pioneers for civil rights. They have opened the doors for other minority groups to fight for equality as well,” said Miguel Cordova, chair of Bargaining Unit 21.

Black History Month originally began as “Negro History Week” during the second week of February in 1926 when noted historian Carter G. Woodson wanted each school to teach students about the contributions of African Americans. The idea caught on, and in 1976 it was expanded to the whole month of February.



Frederick M. Roberts

## California’s African American influence

Our Local 1000 Purpose Statement makes it clear that we want to “... give our members—and all Californians—the opportunity to have a good life, live in sustainable communities and enjoy the fruits of social and economic justice,” just as these African Americans showed leadership in California:



Mervyn Dymally

**1918** Attorney **Frederick M. Roberts**, a Los Angeles newspaper editor and publisher, becomes the first African American to be elected to the California State Assembly.

**1941** Attorney **Edwin L. Jefferson** becomes the first African American to serve as a judge in California, serving on the Los Angeles Superior Court and later as a justice on the state Court of Appeals.

**1947** **Jackie Robinson**, who was raised in Pasadena and graduated from UCLA, became the first African American allowed to play Major League Baseball when he debuted for the Brooklyn Dodgers.

**1966** Los Angeles attorney **Yvonne Brathwaite Burke** becomes the first African American woman to be elected to the California Legislature, and in 1972 she became the first African American woman elected to the U.S. Congress representing California.

**1974** State Senator **Mervyn Dymally** is elected lieutenant governor, becoming the first African American to hold statewide office in California.

**1977** **Wiley W. Manuel** becomes the first African American appointed to the California Supreme Court, serving until 1981.

**1978** **Barbara Christian** becomes the first African American woman to serve as a full professor at UC Berkeley.

**2008** **Yvonne R. Walker** becomes the first African American to serve as president of SEIU Local 1000.

**2010** **Kamala Harris** becomes the first African American woman to be elected to statewide office in California - attorney general.



Yvonne R. Walker



Kamala Harris

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